CHURCH NEWS

Appomattox Methodist Circuit

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10 A. M. Hermon.
"Three-fold Benediction."
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"Christ's Holy Purpose."

RED OAK W. M. S.

On last Thursday evening, Feb. 19, the members of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Red Oak Baptist Church held a reorganizational meeting and completed plans for an enlarged program of work for the group. Mrs. J. E. Greene led in the re-organization procedures and conducted the setting up of the Circle plan of meeting and conducting the various activities according to the suggested methods of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union. Two Circles were organized and the newly - elected Circle Chairmen, Mrs. Elsie Lucado and Mrs. Ruby Lewis drew names of the members which were to make up each group. The entire program of the organization is carried on under the leadership of Mrs. Ruby Harris, president and Mrs. Ruth Williamson, vice-president.

Following the business session, mission study classes were conducted for the various age groups present. The Sunbeams were taught by Mrs. Twyman Phelps, the Girls Auxiliary and Royal Ambassadors were taught by Mrs. Curry Harvey; Mrs. Nell Cabiness and Mrs. J. E. Greene conducted the combined group of Y. W. A. and Adults.

AIMS AND PURPOSES OF THE F. F. A.

The primary aim of the Future Farmers of America is the development of agricultural leadership, cooperation and citizenship. The specific purposes for which this organization was formed are as follows:

1. To develop competent, aggressive, rural and agricultural leadership.

2. To create and nature a love of country life.

3. To strengthen the confidence of farm boys and young men in themselves and their work.

4. To create more interest in the intelligent choice of farming occupations.

5. To encourage members in the development of individual farming programs and establishment in farming.

6. To encourage members to improve the farm home and its surroundings.

7. To participate in worthy undertakings for the improvement of agriculture.

8. To develop character, train for useful citizenship, and foster patriotism.

9. To participate in cooperative effort.

10. To encourage and practice thrift.

11. To encourage improvement in scholarship.

12. To provide and encourage the development of organized rural recreational activities.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Janerson and family are leaving Thursday morning to spend several days with Mrs. Janerson's parents in Richmond. While there they plan to attend the Southern Conference Basketball Tournament.

DAVID T. ROBERTSON ADDRESSES CLUB

Mr. David T. Robertson, co-ordinator for Civil Defense in the Appomattox area, spoke to the Appomattox Junior Womans Club Tuesday evening.

Mr. Robertson stated that the Civil Defense program for Appomattox County is set up to cope with any emergency that might arise, but that it is more concerned with wartime survival since no other type of catastrophe is likely to occur in this area. He informed members that this county, in the event of enemy attack, is designated as one of the main points for receiving evacuees from target areas, for which the county must be prepared. He also said that every individual must be thoroughly informed as to precautionary measures to be taken in order to assure self-survival.

First on the list is that every family should have in the home a supply of food and water to last from three to seven days; second, a battery powered radio as a means of communication.

Mr. Robertson hopes to obtain the co-operation of all organizations in the community as well as of each citizen in successfully establishing the Civil Defense program.

A business meeting was held following the program, at which a nominating committee was elected to present a slate of officers for the 1959-60 administration. Mrs. Peggy Marshall was named chairman of the committee, with Mrs. Ellen Jamerson and Mrs. Barbara Cawthorne.

WOMAN'S CLUB TO MEET MONDAY

Mrs. Samuel S. Shouse will be the speaker at the Appomattox Womans Club meeting on Monday afternoon in the cafeteria of the Appomattox Elementary School.

Mrs. Shouse and family, who recently returned from a stay of several months with Dr. Shouse in Lima, Peru, will have as her subject, "American Women in Peru." She will also deal with archeology, laying stress on weaving and pottery.

This program is being sponsored by the American Home Department, of which Mrs. David Randolph Caldwell is chairman. Hostesses will be: Mrs. G. F. Alritt Jr., Miss Flora B. Williams, Mrs. Hazel R. Mann and Mrs. Robert Franklin.

ACRES INSPECTED FOR CERTIFICATION REACHES NEW HIGH

The acreage of all crops inspected for certification in Virginia last year reached an all time high, reports the Virginia Crop Improvement Association.

Of a total of 22,916 acres inspected, 20,939 met field requirements for either registered or certified seed and 2,877 acres were rejected. The percentage of acreage passing field requirements for certification was about 87.5%.

As in the past, the crops accounting for the largest acreage was wheat, oats, barley, rye, hybrid seed corn, and soybeans. The small grains accounted for about 65% of the total acres inspected.

There were 849 acres of hybrid seed corn inspected, a considerable increase over the 1957 acreage, but far below the peak of over 3,000 acres inspected in 1954. Officials say it is hard to predict the future of the hybrid seed corn program, but they do believe there will be a gradual upward trend in production acreage. There are several factors affecting hybrid seed corn production in Virginia. There is increasing competition from other states, although the Virginia hybrids are just as good as, if not better than, the hybrids from other states. "This advantage lies in their extensive advertising programs," the association officials say.

Another factor affecting the hybrid seed corn program is the continuous downward trend in total corn production in the state. The average annual corn production in Virginia during the period 1941-50 was 1,150,000 acres. By last year, only 773,000 acres were in corn.

Soybean production meanwhile has been going up. Certification work in this crop also has increased. Last year, 6,359 acres were inspected for certification. Of the total, 5,764 acres passed. Seven different varieties were certified. However, two varieties, Ogden and Lee, accounted for nearly 77% of the total acres inspected.

It is probable that the new variety Hood will be at or near the top of the list this year.

Other crops inspected for certification last year included: open-pollinated corn, 191 acres ;peanuts, 324 acres; lespedeza, 27 acres; grasses, 94 acres; sweet potatoes, 63 acres; and tobacco, 3 acres.

About 52% of the field rejections in small grain were because of the presence of other crop mixtures. These included wild vetch which has been classified as "other crop mixture." About 16% of the field rejections were because of noxious weeds. Seed-borne disease (loose smut) accounted for another 16%, and varietal mixture a little less than 10%. The remaining 6% was because of various causes, including poor quality, general appearance, etc.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

(Editor's note: Here are the questions asked most frequently by Virginia farmers during the past week, as reported by county agricultural agents. Staff members of the VPI Agricultural Extension Service and of Experiment Station supply the answers).

Q. When should I seed red clover and lespedeza on small grains? How much, if any, cover should the seed have?

A. Seed anytime from now until mid-March. Cover the seed lightly by disking or harrowing.

Q. What chemical can I use now to get rid of chickweed in a bluegrass lawn?

A. Use dinitro or silvex. Apply when the temperature is about 60 to 70°. Follow the directions of the manufacturer.

Q. Can I use liquid fumigants for tobacco plant bed weed control now?

A. Yes, if you wait long enough before seeding. Follow the directions of the manufacturer. However, it would be better to use methyl bromide.

Q. How can broomsedge be controlled in pasture without plowing and reseeding?

A. By ample fertilization and clipping.

Q. When should I apply the fertilizer - heptachlor mixture for alfalfa weevil control?

A. Any time now before - mid-March.

Future Farmers and Vocational Agriculture

By Jack Henry
Reporter
Robert E .Lee F. F. A. Chapter

The first national convention of the Future Farmers of America was held in Kansas City, Missouri, in the year 1928. Since that year the Future Farmers of America organization has extended into forty-seven states, Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

The Future Farmers of America came into being through the pioneer efforts of many persons. The Future Farmers of Virginia, an organization of farm youths in Virginia, greatly influenced the organization of the Future Farmers of America. Excellent ideals, purposes, ceremonies and a definite constitution formulated by Henry C. Groseclose, a vocational agriculture instructor in Virginia—made the Future Farmers of Virginia an organization from which the national group obtained many useful ideas.

The Future Farmers of America is a national organization. American youths from the ages of fourteen to twenty-one make up the active membership. A federal aided program, vocational agriculture, gives systematic instruction in agriculture and farm mechanics under the guidance of qualified teachers. Active members of the Future Farmers of America are required to be members of classes in vocational agriculture. Members must have entered upon or be prepared to enter upon the work of the farm or the farm home.

The Future Farmers of America is composed of chartered State associations which are made up of local chapters in schools where an agriculture department is recognized. All membership is voluntary. Officers are elected from the boy members in all units from local to national standing. Meetings and conventions are held at specified times. Teachers of vocational agriculture serve as local chapter advisors, and state supervisors of agricultural education.

There are four degrees of active membership in the Future Farmers of America. They are dependent upon accomplishments in vocational agriculture and leadership. They are the "Green Hand," "Chapter Farmer," "State Farmer," and "American Farmer." The member's advancement in the first two degrees is determined by the local chapter. The state association considers achievement and awards the third degree. The fourth degree is determined by the national organization. The levels of achievements with respect to farming are earnings, investments, leadership and scholarship.

Giving experience to boys who are working toward the goal of satisfactory establishment in a farming business was the foremost reason for the organization of the Future Farmers of America and the teaching of vocational agriculture in high schools. It is the purpose of vocational agriculture to develop a good farmer or agriculture worker. The activities of the Future Farmers of America under instruction in vocational agriculture are designed to develop individual talent, a cooperative spirit, rural and agricultural leadership and experience in working together for the good of others as well as for oneself. The specific purposes of the Future Farmers of America are to "develop competent, aggressive, rural, and agricultural leadership, to create and nurture a love of country life, to strengthen the confidence of farm boys and young men in themselves and their work."

F. F. A. STUDIES TRACTOR DRIVING

By Dennis Torrence
Vice-president of
Robert E .Lee FFA Chapter

Tractor driving and maintenance is one of the most helpful projects carried out by the F. F. A. Students learn how to operate a tractor safely and efficiently.

The tractor driving contest brings about friendly competition between students of the different FFA chapters. In these contests students are tested on their ability to drive with accuracy and, speed, obeying all safety rules. Tractor driving contests are held in the Hub FFA Federation, which includes nine schools, at the Lynchburg Farm Show, and at the Farmville Fair. In the contest at Lynchburg, twenty-five dollars is awarded to the winner. The winner at Farmville receives fifteen dollars and a free trip to the Pennsylvania State Fair in Harrisburg.

The knowledge of safe tractor driving is not all that a Future Farmer needs to know about a tractor. He must know how to keep a tractor in good running condition. This is taught to all FFA members in the tractor maintenance class.

Only through a knowledge and application of safe driving and efficient tractor maintenance can farms of tomorrow be made a safer place to work. This is the main purpose of the tractor driving and maintenance class of the Robert E. Lee Chapter of Future Farmers of America.

ABOUT THE HOME

By Frances Dell

The nutrition of a family rests in the hands of a wife, either directly or indirectly. Nutrition always plays a major role in everyday life. Its influence in periods of illness is often of serious value.

Nutrition holds a tremendous potential for the prevention of illness as well as for the improvement of health. This fact is evident all around us and holds true with living things.

Nutrition is the interpretation of science of food and its relation to health. It is not good nutrition to eat good common sense to eat the foods such as meat, fish, milk, fruits, vegetables, enriched and whole grain breads and cereals and balance your diet by eating a variety of these foods each day.

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F. F. A. ACTIVITIES AT LOCAL SCHOOL

By Myron Richardson
Secretary, Robert E. Lee Chapter

Our local chapter of the Future Farmers of America has always been very active both in and out of the school.

As one of our activities we sponsor an assembly program each year, at which time we try to make the purposes of our club clearer to the other students at school.

On February 11, 1959, the members of our chapter gave a parliamentary procedure demonstration; they demonstrated how a problem is brought on the floor and solved by using such terms as: main motions, amendments, object to consideration, point of order, previous question and division of the assembly.

We also take part in the homecoming parade each year. The theme of our float this year was "A. H. S. soars over Gretna." This was carried out by: a rocket, which was constructed from two gasoline drums and sign telling the time of the game and the place. The float took second place.

Each Christmas our members donate money or other articles such as clothing, canned food, and fruit. The donations are then taken to some needy family in the county. We enjoy carrying out this project and feel that we profit as much as the family to whom the basket is given.

Another of our activities is the co-operative buying and selling program. We consider this important enough to merit setting up a standing committee to see to its operation. Garden and field seeds are obtained from a reliable seed company in bulk and sold to the members at lower prices. The chapter receives no money from this project as it is not set up for this purpose.

Our chapter owns an orchard sprayer which is used by the members. Under the supervision of our instructors we spray and prune orchards in the community. This way we learn by doing and help the people in the community by doing work free of charge.

One of the highlights of our year is the annual father-son banquet. The main purpose of this banquet (other than eating) is to let the fathers know what our chapter has accomplished in the past year.

We explain our program of work and color slides of members' projects are shown. In this way we show them what other fathers are doing for their sons, in the way of farming, in hopes that all will profit.

These activities require a lot of time and much hard work but we all enjoy taking part in them.

Unfavorable weather slows U .S. wheat crop.

Cotton Council retreats on support price issue.

British yachtsmen plan bid for America's Cup.

Blind Mother Raises Five

Boston.- Though totally blind, Mrs. Aldo Marchisio is raising her five children unassisted.

Her husband, who is 90 per cent blind, works for the State Division of the Blind, tuning and repairing pianos, and often is out of town for a week at the time.

Mrs. Marchisio does all her housework—and has enough energy left at night to read a bedtime story in Braille to her children, Alison, 11 years old; Peter, 8; Paul, 6; Caroline, 9, and Rosemarie, 3.

Lavern Garrett Martin ,our local Future America Chapter president 57-58, won the Seaboard award. This award is made by the Railroad Company to a member in the state each year who is the most outstanding in the field of forestry. The award included Kinckle and his $5.00 each for a trip to the National Future Farmer Convention which is held in Kansas City.

Franklin, freshman member of our chapter, won a Future Farmer award for his efforts last year. This award is given by the Virginia Forests, Inc. Its purpose is to encourage boys of forestry and the welfare of Virginia's forests.

Members of the Robert E. Lee Chapter carried specific enterprises during past year. Among these are planting and releasing seedlings, planting undesirable species, tree distributed and plantings during the year. Members learn good forestry management so that he may care for what he would any other timber.

Each year has an organized "Smokey Green" crew. This crew members who have been with the Virginia Forest Service to fight forest fires. They are divided into crews ready to fight fires as the need might arise.

Each year our chapter members have a forestry judging contest between us from eight other chapters. At this contest we learn to estimate the pulp wood or board feet in standing trees, we learn to board feet, we learn about trees - both desirable and undesirable types, and we learn to judge a stand of woods and decide on management practices for those woods.

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NEW FARM RECORD PROGRAM TO BE DEVELOPED IN STATE

A new approach to farm management, with emphasis on an "Electronic farm record system," will get underway soon in Virginia.

Spearheaded by the VPI agricultural economics department, the program will feature a method of record keeping which will expedite the processing and analysis of farm records by electronic means. The system will also provide a source of information for research and education ,and will give individual farmers who take part a means of determining what adjustments are needed on their farms.

County agents throughout the state will be trained in the new system, and will be primarily responsible for selecting and working with farmers ,and forwarding records to the department of agricultural economics for summary and analysis. The department will return records to the county agents with suggestions for business adjustments.

The electronic system is partially experimental and is being introduced in cooperation with the Experiment Station as a research project in farm management. After two or three years of operation, it is expected that permanent arrangements can be made.

The new system is established with a "basic core", and from this core can be inserted additional and more detailed enterprise records. The basic core consists of three parts, farm expenses, farm income, and farm inventory. Added to this can be special records on various enterprises .The basic record will indicate whether or not adjustments in the farm business are needed; the detailed enterprise record will give information on where adjustments can be made.

The new system does not necessarily replace the present record book, Bulletin 229, "Farm Record Book," which is published at VPI, and made available to farmers through their county agents. This record book will remain available for those who wish to continue using it.

An economist has been assigned to each Agricultural Extension Service district to help county agents. Bragg reminded the 50,000 veterans affected by this new changeover in absence - reporting that they should carefully check the VA Certifications of Training they fill out in February (covering GI training for the month of January), to be sure they are following the right reporting procedure.

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NEWS FOR VETERANS

Korea veterans taking GI Bill courses which do not lead to a standard college degree or an advanced professional goal now must begin reporting their classroom absences each month to the Veterans Administration.

The new requirement stems from a law which went in effect the first of the year, Carlton W. Bragg, Officer-in-Charge of the Lynchburg VA Office states. Under the same law, all veterans taking GI courses which do lead to a college degree or some professional goal such as nursing or medical internship will not be required to list their monthly absences from class.

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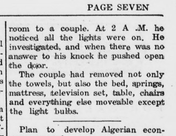

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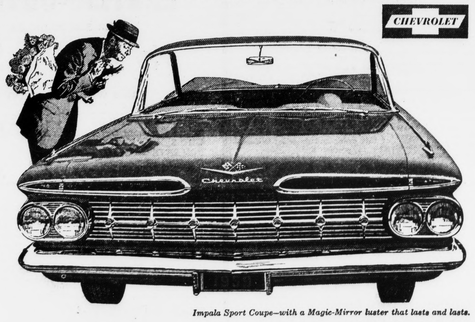

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